



COMMUNITY NEWS

District 1

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Halloween Safety

Fall is a great time of year when you live in Scottsdale. As the weather cools down, the thoughts of many children turn to Halloween. Children put on their favorite costume and for a brief time pretend to be their favorite super hero, princess or my favorite, the police officer. They march door to door excited for what the night may bring.

As parents, we stand back and watch their excitement. As you plan your children's evening, please keep these safety tips in mind:

- Make sure your child's costume is free of dangerous items. A child could trip or fall and we want to prevent any injuries if possible.
- Bright costumes are easier to see for both pedestrians and vehicles.
- Have an adult go with your children and if they are old enough to go alone, make sure they go with a group. There is strength in numbers.
- Carry a flashlight to illuminate any dark areas and go to well lit neighborhoods. Always walk in the lighted areas for better visibility.
- Set rules for older children going without adult supervision. Have them stay on sidewalks or other areas normally used by pedestrians.
- Carry a cell phone in the event of an emergency or have your children carry one.
- Start early in the evening when there is still daylight. Set a curfew for older children.

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MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER SCOTT POPP

I hope the month of September was a productive one for everyone. I have received numerous calls and e-mails from citizens all around District 1. Many have questioned staffing and the police department's ability to adequately respond to calls for service. I provided the following information to one such group I met with and wanted all who read this to know I am committed to providing excellent police service in this city.

Every agency in the State faces challenges when it comes to hiring quality employees. The Scottsdale Police Department continues to have the highest standards in the valley and we continue to hire the highest quality candidates.

As I stated in our meeting, not all of my squads are at maximum strength, however, what I failed to mention, was I have several specialty units at my disposal to help ensure we respond to Calls for Service in a timely fashion. I will continue to push the officers of this district to spend more time in their beats, building relationships with the citizens of this community, and proactively looking to resolve issues.

I know the fact that there will be tremendous growth in District 1 is a concern to you and several residents. We continue to plan for the future and will continually evaluate the deployment of resources to ensure we are able to provide excellent police services.

As stated previously regarding officer's demeanor, I have very high expectations for the officers under my command. I will continue to build on the professionalism already instilled in our officers, and push them to truly be the best.

I look forward to building partnerships aimed at making this city the best place to live and work.

Commander Scott Popp
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Halloween Safety (continued)

- Remove dangerous objects from your yard.
- Keep your house well lit for other trick-or-treaters.
- Examine the treats prior your child eating one. Take snacks and water with you to keep them fed and hydrated.

For those parents that would feel better in an organized event, check with your local Neighborhood Watch Captain, school, community group, shopping mall, or any other group.

If you have any questions about crime prevention contact Officer Kory Sneed at ksneed@scottsdaleaz.gov (480) 312-8802.

New Credit Card Scam

Fraud and Identity Theft are two of the fastest growing concerns to our citizens. Over the last few weeks, another type of credit card scam has surfaced. Unlike in most credit card scams where the caller is asking you for your credit card numbers, in this case, they have it. This scam is called the VISA MasterCard Telephone Credit Card Scam.

The way it works is by the caller telling you they are from the Security and Fraud Department at Visa. They say that your account was flagged for an unusual purchase and even name the bank that issued the credit card. The caller asks if you purchased an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a Marketing company based in Arizona. When you respond with "No", they will continue by saying a credit will be issued to your account before your next statement.

They tell you it will be sent to your address after stating it and ask you if the address is correct. When you respond "Yes", they explain how a fraud investigation will take place and to call the 1-800 number on the back of your card if you have any questions and ask for security. The caller says you will need a control number and gives you a six-digit number. The caller will ask if you need them to repeat it.

This is where the scam takes place. **The caller will say, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card". The caller will ask you to turn your card over and look for some numbers. They will explain that there is 7 numbers, the first 4 are part of the credit card number and the next 3 are the security numbers that verify you are in possession of the card. The caller will ask, "what are the last 3 numbers?" After you give the caller the last 3 numbers, they will say that you are correct. They will end the call by asking you if you have any questions and to call if you do and than hang up.**

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Credit Card Scam (continued)

You have just given them the only three numbers they needed to start using your card. This was all they wanted. You say very little and they never ask you for your credit card number.

If you ever get a call from someone telling you they are from a credit card company, tell them you are going to hang up and call the credit card company number on the back of the card for verification. Remember, your banking institutions or credit card companies know all of your information. After all, they gave it to you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

G.A.I.N Night

Saturday, October 14th, 2006 between 4:00-8:00 pm
In Your Neighborhood

GAIN night is an annual event designed to unite neighbors and communities to help create safer neighborhoods. Party planners, like you, host GAIN parties every year in their neighborhoods all over Scottsdale.

Contact Carrie Abts for registration forms at:
(480) 312-2342 or cabts@Scottsdaleaz.gov

SPOOKTAKULAR

Monday, October 30th, 2006 12:30- 2:30p.m
Granite Reef Senior Center

1700 N. Granite Reef

Come out for information and games
(480)312-1700

The Scottsdale Police Department



Wants You!

The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at www.Scottsdalepd.com or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384, e-mail gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov.